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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF ACTING SPOKESMAN'S RESPONSES TO
QUESTIONS AT TODAY'S BRIEFING:

1. CUBAN UN DELEGATION'S TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS -- WE DECIDED
TO PLACE THE RESTRICTIONS MORE IN LINE WITH THOSE OF MOST
OTHER COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS. NOTE WAS DELIVERED TO THE
CUBAN DEL THIS MORNING. WE ACKNOWLEDGE CHANGE IN TONE OF
CUBAN GOVERNMENT RHETORIC BUT WOULD NOT CHARACTERIZE THIS
STEP AS DIRECT RESPONSE TO THAT OR ANY OTHER SPECIFIC
ACTION BY GOP. IT IS NOT CHANGE IN OUR BASIC CUBAN POLICY;
THERE IS A CHANGE IN PRACTICE.

2. ARMS FOR ETHIOPIA -- REPEATED YESTERDAY'S CONFIRMATION IN-
CLUDING AMMUNITION, WHICH IS UNDER STUDY. WE UNDERSTAND NO
REQUEST WAS MADE WHEN ETHIOPIAN FONMIN WAS HERE, BUT
MILITARY ASSISTANCE WAS INCLUDED IN GENERAL DISCUSSIONS.
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3. TRADE DISCUSSIONS WITH ROMANIA -- NEGOTIATIONS FOR A TRADE AGREEMENT BEGAN JANUARY 15 (IN BUCHAREST). THEY ARE

PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. WITH REFERENCE TO EMIGRATION, WE ARE NEGOTIATING ON THE BASIS OF THE 1974 TRADE ACT.

4. CIA AND THE RECENT DISTURBANCES IN PERU -- ASKED ABOUT ALLEGATIONS MADE YESTERDAY, OUR CATEGORICAL ANSWER IS THAT THE CIA WAS NOT INVOLVED AND WE HAVE MADE THIS CLEAR TO THE GOP.

5. RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN KOREA -- WE NATURAL-LY WELCOME THIS MOVE.

6. INDIAN FONSEC ON US ARMS FOR PAKISTAN -- WE HAVE NO-THING TO ADD TO THE QUESTION OF ARMS FOR PAKISTAN TO WHAT WAS SAID AT THE TIME OF BHUTTO'S VISIT.

7. CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT -- ANNOUNC-ED THAT US AND USSR, AS CO-CHAIRMEN, HAVE AGREED TO RESUME THE CCD IN GENEVA ON MARCH 4.

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